THE MERIDIAN
SWAVESEY

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In aid of the Church Roof Fund'

Prime Brass

In concert

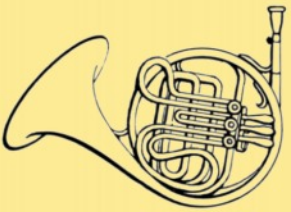
St Andrew's Church

7:30pm, June 10th

Tickets: *Adults £10, Schoolchildren £8*

from Roger Holland: 01954 230077

The gardens of the Manor House will be open from 6pm for ticket-holders to picnic, courtesy of Mrs J Bayfield



EDITORIAL

Here we are close to high summer and long sunny days (we hope).Check your Meridian to find out about events that are happening. There is a concert to help raise money for replacing the church roof and another fundraiser in the form of a Blues Brothers evening to raise money towards the 2018 Swavesey Festival.

A new look for your Meridian this issue, in response to a few comments we have re-organised the articles and regular pages so you will have to read it all to find everything! We are always asking for contributions, so if you feel that you have something different, exciting, informative to offer then please send it in! We try to have information about village events and also anything that affects the village - planning issues, roadworks, changes to bus timetables, and also local organizations but cannot cover everything for everyone so we need your help. If you want us to give you more then help us to do so.

The deadline for the August/September issue is 20th June-or before!. any news or information that we receive that is urgent and time sensitive we put on the magazine website within 24 hours so you can always check this out regularly.
Editor

NB if you wish to submit an article; request a birthday greeting; etc. please send to:- editor@swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Cover Image - Looking in the mirror (Dave Cole) – Favourite Picture of the Camera Club Exhibition
Inside Front Cover - Prime Brass
Inside Back Cover - Cara
Back Cover - Blues Brothers

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Saturday 10 June	St Andrews Church	Prime Brass 7.30pm in St Andrews Church. Tickets £10 & £8 from Roger Holland 01954 230077
Saturday 24 June	Swavesey Festival	Blues Brothers, Swavesey Windmill, tickets £20 each 01954 232247
Saturday 24 June	St Andrews Church	Cara - Irish Folk Band, Tickets £12 (Under 16's £6), Box Office 01954 230019
Friday 15 September	Swavesey Festival	Festival of bands, Swavesey Windmill, tickets £20 for two nights. 01954 232247.
Saturday 16 September	Swavesey Festival	Festival of bands, Swavesey Windmill, tickets £20 for two nights. 01954 232247.
Saturday 14 October	Swavesey Festival	Oompah Band, Swavesey Windmill, tickets £18 including hot dogs. 01954 232247.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June		
Friday 2	Refuse Collection (Note Friday)	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 8	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 10	Pre-School School	Open Morning 10.30 - 12 Noon on the Primary School Site
Saturday 10	St Andrews Church	Prime Brass 7.30pm in St Andrews Church. Tickets £10 & £8 from Roger Holland 01954 230077
Thursday 15	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 22	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 24	Swavesey Festival	Blues Brothers, Swavesey Windmill, tickets £20 each 01954 232247
Saturday 24	St Andrews Church	Cara - Irish Folk Band, Tickets £12 (Under 16's £6), Box Office 01954 230019
Thursday 29	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
July		
Thursday 6	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 13	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 20	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 27	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection

Complaints/Comments

Dear Readers.

We welcome your feedback but please could you send it to us by email: editor@swaveseymeridian.org.uk as this makes it easy to share with the team. Whilst we appreciate you taking the trouble to talk to one of us when you see us out and about in the village, having specific comments recorded makes it much easier for us to share them and find solutions if there is a problem or share in the praise!

Please remember that we are all volunteers and receive no payment for producing your Meridian, and we all have jobs, families and homes to run. We produce the magazine in our “spare” time and there is a huge amount of work involved, from chasing articles to sourcing information, finding suitable front cover pictures, setting out the content, making sure advertisers have paid, proof reading, liaising with the printers and organising the distribution team. As Editor I find that as soon as one issue has been delivered I am already working on the next one!

We have in the past been proud winners of the community magazine award but we no longer enter this and anyway the best award for us is seeing your Meridian out and delivered on time every 2 months

Your Editor

April

CLUB REPORTS

Swavesey Spartans

2016/17 - The summer is the time for footballers to look back on one season and look forward to the next. Spartans aspires to be an all inclusive club which lives out its values Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Excellence (TREE) and gives both boys and girls of differing ability the opportunity to participate in Association Football. Season after season the club has teams who deliver our values with solid playing records behind them. That said, winning is not a dirty word and it is worth recalling the 2015/16 Under 12 Boys who excelled in their first season of Colts football under the guidance of Mike Stokes and Jez Daniel. In 2016/17 and in school year 8 the the success continued with a championship presentation scheduled for sometime in June.. Throughout the age groups this team has always had some success but they surpassed what had gone before in their first 2 seasons of colts football - well done guys.

Spartans Day brings down the curtain on our season so come and join us - its on Swavesey Green on Father's Day as usual. It is a day of interaction for village families in a relaxed and hopefully sunny atmosphere. Bring your gazebos and refreshments and join in the fun on 18 June. We aim to keep the presentations short and sharp but with 16 teams and certain coaches liking a chat, please stay with us as your applause gives many of the young players the goosebumps.

Our chairman (Simon Dawson) and Treasurer (Dave Hackshaw), reverted to the ranks at the club's AGM in May. The club are seeking volunteers to take the next steps forward and make the experience even better for our players and their families. If you are interested in influencing the outcome please get in touch with the club

New players/sponsors. If you know of boys or girls who want to play for or train with Spartans or you are a potential sponsor please come along on Spartans Day and have a chat. The coaches will all be there and coming along does not commit you to anything. If you are interested please use the details in the Club Information section of this Meridian to contact us. We started an Under 8 (school year 3) girls team in May and if your daughter wants to get involved, please get in touch. Likewise we support the development of mixed football from school year one onwards, please come and join our family if you or a family member wants to join Spartans.

Here Comes Summer and our annual break.

We have just five meetings ahead of us, then the long wait until the autumn when we will start our new programme for 2017/18. You will have seen our recent work in our Annual exhibition; now we will be off to capture something new. With our Annual Spring Exhibition now an established event in the Swavesey year, this is our opportunity to demonstrate our skills to the public. We hope you enjoyed the show, and we are very pleased to have such a loyal following. The winners of our open competition were :-

- Primary - Constance Wilson - "King of Farne"
- Secondary - Phoebe Fenn - Autumn Sunset
- Adult - Danny McCarthy - Osprey

By now we have only one last instructive talk to come: 'Essential Composition' by Chris Upton, on 8th June. He thinks this is probably the most difficult skill to master, and hopes to show us twenty ways to improve our images. Our last competition, 'Pairs', is on the 15th June. This is a fairly new idea to the club, and has proved very popular, especially as many of our most experienced members have generously chosen a partner from the improvers group; their guidance has been really beneficial and has proved to be an excellent way to pass on valuable skills.

Now Summer is here we have the last of our outings, this time to the Cambridge Botanic Gardens, on Sunday 4th June. This will be a delight for everyone with or without a camera, somewhere you could bring the whole family for an enjoyable day out, and those with cameras will be left in peace to indulge themselves to their hearts' content.

On 29th June we have our AGM; we are an unusual club in that most members turn up for this, we have willing volunteers to join the Committee and all play a very active part. As a result the Club has grown in popularity and our excellent reputation continues to spread throughout East Anglia and beyond. Why not come along in September to the Welcome Evening to meet us.

We finish the programme with our Annual Dinner and Prize-giving on 29th June. This will once again be at Bourn Golf Club, fine food and lovely views across the golf course: a fitting end to an enjoyable year. Hope to see you in September.

Mo Hadfield
Swavesey Camera Club
www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15.
To take part in this popular competition phone
Sally Unwin on 01954 230200. Latest winners are;

	£	March 2017	April 2017
First prize	60	Teresa Sarkar	Hannah Parish
Second prize	30	Pat Jackson	Derek Shaw
Third prize	15	John Pook	Shirley Hall

Swavesey & District History Society

March meeting. Mike Petty is a Cambridgeshire researcher, historian and lecturer who lives in Stretham on the A10, south of Ely. Once again, several visitors increased the audience to around 60 to hear Mike present reflections on people and places of the Ouse Washes. The area focuses on about 20 miles of the Old Bedford and New Bedford rivers from Swavesey/Over to Denver Sluice near Downham Market and Mike took us on a tour from south to north.

The numerous snippets of information included; in the past the wash area between the rivers was widely used for osier production but today cattle graze most of it. In the early 1970s a hover train, which rose above its track on magnets, was tested on a stretch of track between Earith and Sutton Gault. It reached 107 mph in January 1973, well short of the intended 250 plus. The WW2 airfield at Mepal was used as a missile base during the cold war and was on a high state of emergency alert at the time of the Cuba crisis. As the A142 crosses the washes at high level beside Mepal, the remnant of a former canal joining the two Bedford Rivers can be seen down to the west. In a farmyard outside The Three Pickerels are still the buildings used to store goods imported by barge through Kings Lynn, including a large former coal shed. Just to the north is Fortrey's Hall, a timber framed house, rebuilt in the 17th Century to create the fenland home of Samuel Fortrey who was one of the Adventurers to drain the fens. Fortrey's Hall featured in Anthony Trollope's last novel as Folking, John Caldigate's home. The Bedford Level Corporation levied tolls at frequent intervals along the washes, both on road traffic taking goods and passengers over the two rivers and on loaded barges crossing under them, taking goods to St Ives and beyond. This income paid for bank work. The World Pea Shooting Championship has been held annually since 1971 in the village of Witcham. William Harrison, the Fenland Poet was born at Pymoor in November 1794. At Welch's Dam there are several houses beside the river which look very pretty but in the early 1840s most of the residents of this tiny village died of cholera. In the 1840s many people arrived from across the country to live in a kind of hippie commune, being a socialist utopian colony, on nearly 200 acres of land at Manea Fen. The scheme didn't last long; financial backing was inadequate and it collapsed after two years. In the mid-1800s opium was obtained from poppies grown in cottage back gardens to relieve pain but it was also put in the drink of small children to make them sleep all day at home while mother went to work in the fields. During the 19th and early 20th centuries a six mile length of the Old Bedford river north-east of Welney was used as a site to measure the curvature of the earth. Further detailed information and many stories flowed quickly until we reached Denver Sluice.

April meeting. Around 45 members attended a presentation by David Edwards from Doddington, between Chatteris and March, entitled "In a Fen Country Churchyard". Illustrated by pictures of dozens of gravestones throughout the Cambridgeshire fens, David drew attention to the fascinating amount of information that can be found in their inscriptions which is typically much more interesting than can be found in historical records. Doddington churchyard includes several examples of gravestones from the 1700s. Conversely, whereas the churchyard in March contained around 1,000 in the early 1900s it was cleared of headstones in the 1960s and now resembles a bowling green with only 150 remaining stacked around the perimeter walls. Many other churchyards in the fens have been cleared of gravestones. The decoration styles were highlighted with the oldest still standing being from the mid-1600s, these often showing skulls and bones around the top edge. By 1900 most were just plain slabs. Occupations can be deduced from some decorations: one showing sheaves of corn and carrots was the grave of a farmer and that of a blacksmith showed a horseshoe and a pair of pliers. A gravestone from 1852 in March looks almost brand new with its deep and very clear inscription because it is made of black slate and is the grave of a stonemason. Several gravestones throughout the fens nearly provide a life history with details of where born, worked, travelled to, exploits and adventures, occupations and place of death. Many military graves from the 1800s contain much information about the soldier's military campaigns with Waterloo, The Crimea, Sudan and South Africa mentioned on several. Another lists details of 3 brothers who died in WW1 over a two year period.

Accidental death is recoded on many graves, particularly "run over by railway engine" in the March area because of the busy marshalling yards nearby. One gentleman survived falling in front of a train in 1922 but was killed the second time when he fell in front of a train in 1929. Run over by tram, shot by own gun, kicked by own horse and killed by lightning are all recorded. Multiple deaths are recorded in many churchyards. In March 1943 four occupants of a house were killed when a Wellington Bomber crashed on it – the bomber crew also died. Slightly further afield at Kings Lynn is a memorial in the shape of a fishing boat which records the death of all eight crew members of a Scottish fishing vessel in 1875 and at Burwell there is a memorial to seventy eight people, more than half of them children, who burned to death in a barn at a puppet show in 1727. The gravestones or memorials of famous people included those in Cambridge of Captain James Cook, explorer and Arthur Benson who wrote the words to Land of Hope and Glory along with Lancelot (Capability) Brown in Fenstanton and in Whittlesey, that of Lieutenant General Sir Harry Smith, Bt who fought in the Napoleonic Wars, India and South Africa.

The History Society's last meeting for this season will be on Tuesday 20 June when Elizabeth de Burgh, Lady of Clare, will be the subject of Dr Jennifer Ward. There will then be a break for summer with the new season starting on Tuesday 19 September.

Swavesey W.I. Report

Dates for Diary.

June 12th	Spanish Cookery Demonstration by Spanish Amandas
July 10th	Molly Dancing by Alison Giles.

Our 2017 programme is in full swing and members of Swavesey W.I. are looking forward to another busy year. To find out more about what we are up to, please ring Deirdre 01954 230897. We meet every second Monday in the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm. All our meetings are advertised around the village, look out for the posters. Visit the Memorial Hall Noticeboard, which is kept up to date with our news.

Besides our monthly meeting, we also run the following regular activities; Book Group/Craft Group/Darts/Dog Walking/Walking/Eating Out/Line Dancing.

On the 2nd Thursday of the month, you can find us serving fresh coffee and a wonderful selection of homemade cakes at the Compass Cafe at the Bethel Chapel. This provides a friendly get together for all ages.
www.swavesey-womens-institute.org.uk
www.facebook.com/Swavesey-Womens-Institute-611198178977768/

News from Fen Drayton Lakes

By Luke Wake

An early morning walk around the lakes will currently place you amongst one of nature's greatest and most reliable events, the dawn chorus. Cetti's warblers are blasting out their distinctive call, blackcaps are going berserk amongst the hedgerows, the first reed warblers are filling the air with their robotic rhythmic song and willow warblers add a melancholic tone to the chaos. All of this early morning chatter is aimed at claiming territories and attracting mates, which can lead to some violent squabbles between rival males.

Butterflies can now be seen fluttering by during days of good weather. So far we have recorded the following species on the reserve: small tortoiseshell, orange tip, red admiral, green veined white, small white, brimstone, speckled wood, peacock and comma.

So why not head down to the reserve to see what you can see and hear?

Willow warbler – Luke Wake

Summer at Fen Drayton Lakes

Bug hunting & lake dipping safaris

Sun & Thurs 10-4 - check for dates
Go on a minibeast safari or dip into the water (or both) to explore the critters here at Fen Drayton Lakes. Free - just drop in.

Overnight 'mothathon'

Sat 1 - Sun 2 July, 7.30pm-11.30am
Learn about moth trapping and see what amazing creatures we catch. Adult £6. Child/Member half price. Please book.

Wander with the Warden

Wednesday 5 July 10.15am
Learn about how we are giving nature a home at Fen Drayton Lakes. Adult £4. Child/Member half price. No need to book.

Dragonflies at the Lakes

Sunday 6 August - 1pm - 3pm
Join us for a walk around the reserve to learn more about these beauties. Adult £4. Child/Member half price. Please book.

Inspiring everyone to give nature a home

rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes

Photo by Grahame Madge (rspb-images.com). The RSPB is a registered charity in England & Wales 207076, in Scotland SC037654.

Hale Road Allotments Success

Swavesey Festival 2016 was looming large and everyone was encouraged to take part so I decided to enter some items in the craft and produce tent. An absolute novice at these things, I told myself and anyone that would listen that it was the taking part that is important, not the winning.

So I knitted a little coloured caterpillar to enter in the crafts section, and in the produce section I entered some gooseberries and some onions that I had grown on our plot at Hale Road allotments. I was very careful to follow the rules, gooseberries displayed with tops cut off, on a plate, and onions tied neatly at the top. I watched how to do this on You Tube to make sure I got it right.

My lovely caterpillar won no prizes, my gooseberries came third (there were four entries in this category) but my onions won first prize! I was amazed, but had it from the great master, Selwyn, that they "did look good". My mantra changed immediately from "it's not the winning but the taking part that counts" to "It's not the taking part that counts, it's the winning!"

Cultivating half an allotment is all my husband Colin and I can find the time for. Yes we are retired, and yes we are hands on grandparents so for us, one cancels out the other. We manage the plot between us; he does the hard work, digging etc. and I usually get the weeding and watering. Sometimes we just go to the allotment and sit on our seat, in the quiet, surveying all around us. Planting, nurturing, harvesting and eating our own fruit and vegetables gives us an immense amount of satisfaction; we have been known to share a crop of six broad beans, declaring them the best we have ever tasted.

For us, just being in touch with the land is a very relaxing, we usually finish our stint by walking around the other plots and seeing what other people are growing, stopping for a chat if anyone else is around.

I can highly recommend renting an allotment, it is a very cost effective hobby and it keeps us fit. It is a wonderful way to encourage our grandchildren to learn where their food comes from, and to let them come with us to pick soft fruit and vegetables; that it's OK to touch the soil and get dirty, and that worms and millipedes won't hurt them.

Selwyn is often on hand to give advice, and this year for the first time ever, we have managed to grow rhubarb successfully, now that is quite an achievement!
Linda, plot 53S

VILLAGE NEWS

Annual Parish Meeting 2017

The Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 12th April heard updates from various village organisations and charities as well as a detailed report on Parish Council business over the past year. The Chairman updated the meeting on the major housing development applications currently going through the planning system and a short presentation was heard on how the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing. Full reports and draft Minutes can be found on the Swavesey Website at www.swavesey.org.uk

Housing Development updates – Four major planning applications are still going through the planning system and as at 24th April the situation is:

- land rear of 130 Middlewatch – 70 dwellings. Refused twice by SCDC. Now awaiting Appeal decision, expected end April/early May.
- land south of Fen Drayton Rd - 99 dwellings. Refused by SCDC but has been amended & resubmitted adding a footpath along Fen Drayton Rd, expected again at SCDC Committee June. An appeal has also been submitted against the first refusal.
- land at Dairy Farm, Boxworth End - 95 new dwellings. Expected at SCDC Committee May.
- land north of Fen Drayton Rd 56 new dwellings. Expected at SCDC Committee June or July.

Swavesey Parish Council

Changes at Costcutters

Costcutters has new owners and has extended

opening hours 7am – 9pm every day

Post Office 8am – 7pm

Why not pop in and say hello.

Wordsearch

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Summer Fruits Mousse (Recipe from the Allotments)

Ingredients

250g summer fruits, fresh or frozen.

1 packet of sugar-free jelly, in raspberry or strawberry flavour.

2 small tubs of raspberry, strawberry or blackcurrant yoghurt.

Method

Simmer the fruits with 2 tablespoons of water over a low heat for 10 minutes until juices begin to flow or the fruit is defrosted.

Make up the jelly according to the packet instructions but only using 150ml (5 fl oz) of water.

Stir in the fruit and yoghurts and make the measure up to 550ml (1 pint) with water if required.

Transfer to serving dish and leave to cool and then set in the fridge for at least 2 hours.

Over Carnival

'To Over and Beyond'

Saturday 15th July 2017

The Over Carnival team would like to invite Clubs/Organisations to come and join us for our Parade.

This year our theme is Space – 'To Over and Beyond'. This is a great theme and open to many ideas for your theme of float.

At the same time of being part of a fun Parade you can also be raising money for your Club/Organisation. We have a bucket collection as we go around the route. This money is then divided between all the floats. A very fun way of raising money for you.

Please contact us at committee@overcarnival.co.uk

Jeanette and the Carnival Team
committee@overcarnival.co.uk

Our Award-winning Team at the Over Day Centre

Congratulations to all of the team, volunteers and wonderful clients of the Over Day Centre on winning the Outstanding Local Service or Amenity Award at the South Cambridgeshire District Council Community Awards on 9th March.

The Community Awards, sponsored by Hill and hosted by Council Chairman Cllr Sue Ellington, have been running for seven years and aim to honour some of the people who make a difference in their community.

In making the award, the Day Centre was described as providing a much needed place for elderly and isolated residents and their carers to come together to receive help, support and care with daily living, form friendships and socialise, and integrate with the wider community through established links with the school, church, community centre and local interest groups.

Thank you to all in the local community for your continued support of our award-winning centre.

We had a splendid

Celebration of Easter

on April 1st.

Come to our regular story times

We have free Wifi access to computers, a wide range of books for all ages. We have regular story times for young children. Look out for our posters and notices on Swavesey Village life.

We continue to welcome donations of good quality books for our shelves or to sell to meet our running costs. Come and join us at the Village College

If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	202707	Sarah Hellon	230960
Jacqui Fuller	230774	Sue Jones	230650
John Pook	230978	Doug and Lorraine Hunt	232478

We always welcome volunteers to help man the Library so please join us and keep your library alive!!!

Doctors Surgeries

Swavesey Surgery
(01954) 230202
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:-
www.swaveseysurgery.nhs.uk

Over Surgery
(01954) 231550
Out of hours 0330 123 9131
Website:- www.oversurgery.nhs.uk

Longstanton
(01954) 207600
Out of hours 111
Website:-
www.willinghammedicalpractice.nhs.uk

Bar Hill Surgery
(01954) 780442
Out of hours (01954) 780442 -
call will automatically be diverted
Website:- www.mhmaple.co.uk/

Fenstanton
7E High Street, Fenstanton
01480 461873
Out of hours 01480 461873.
call will automatically be diverted
Website:-
www.northcotehousesurgery

See our website at www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk
for the full and latest surgery newsletters. Ed

Need to find local health services quickly?
New 'MyHealth' app for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

A new app to help Cambridgeshire and Peterborough residents find local NHS services available to them has been launched.

Quick and easy to use, the 'MyHealth Cambridgeshire & Peterborough' app will direct you to your nearest appropriate NHS service. This includes local GPs, pharmacies, minor injury units, and dentists, based on your location or postcode.

Free to download and available in five other languages, including Polish, Latvian, and Lithuanian, MyHealth provides up to date information on current services including directions, opening hours, and contact details.

The app is available to download for iOS via Apple Store, Android via Google Play, and Windows phones via Microsoft Store by searching for 'MyHealth C&P CCG'.

Need to find health

services quickly?

Download the free app

Alzheimers Research

Sally Unwin and Sue Speechley would like to thank everyone who supported the Easter Bazaar at the Windmill in aid of Alzheimers Research.

Sally also ran raffles and sold crafts to make money for this worthy cause.

None of this would be possible without the support of local business, craft groups Lisa and Pam.

We made £1244 for Alzheimer Research UK.

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Swavesey Music School

£3.50 per session!

9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms II		8+yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms III		Grade 3+
11am – 12pm	Junior Orchestra	instrumental ensemble	all levels; all ages
	Rock School	guitars, drums, vocals	9+yrs

Swavesey Music School
Swavesey Village College
Gibraltar Lane
Swavesey
CB24 4RS

Audrey Caldwell, Director of Music
acaldwell@swaveseyvc.co.uk
http://swaveseyms.co.uk/

APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET

Ballet classes at Over Primary School
Thursday afternoons for age 3+ - 16+

Please contact April Martin for information on places for the new term.

Qualified experienced teacher Associate of ARBTA
Member BDQT (DBS Checked)

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Sat 10th June
Open Morning

Swavesey Pre School
(on the primary school site)
10.30 am to 12 noon

Is your child starting Pre School in 2017/18?
Come and visit us.
Welcome to all new and prospective parents and children

Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am
In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10–12noon
At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am, all ages. £4

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group – "Swavesey playgroups".
A great chance to meet local parents.

Adult Education at Swavesey Village College

Adult Learning at Swavesey Village College

Try something new with our Saturday Workshops on 17th June
Drum & Dance Wellbeing
Easy Bread Making
1920's Charleston
Intro to Indian Head Massage
British Sign Language Taster.....and many more

NEW Classes already confirmed for our September term-
Calligraphy for Beginners
Introduction to British Sign Language
Affordable Wedding Floristry
Flour Power- the best of bread making
Contemporary Dance
Table Tennis for Adults

Plenty of new classes still to come in the autumn

For details of all our classes and to book your place please visit the college website swaveseyvc.co.uk, Community Education tab, email us on community@swaveseyvc.co.uk or call 01954 234488

Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambridge, CB24 4RS Phone: 01954 234488
Email: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk

We have spaces at Rainbow groups in Over!

Rainbows are girls aged five to seven and follow a programme called the Rainbow Jigsaw, through which they can take part in lots of different activities with girls their own age.
We have spaces available right now!
Contact a local volunteer rainbowstuesday@gmail.com

AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!
Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section
We are looking for adult volunteers to join us.
Could you spare an hour or two one evening a week?
Contact a local volunteer overdistrictcomm@gmail.com

A Glance at the Past
From the Cambridge Chronicle.

1791, 2 July. Theft. Three men committed to Cambridge Gaol for stealing onions, cabbages at Swavesey: one man stealing from Edward Thorp's shop: one woman stealing wheat from the barn of Edward Stocker of Swavesey.

1845, 12 July. Cricket. A match will be played, Swavesey v Willingham, next Wednesday starting at 10.30 a.m.

1846, 20 July. Presentation to Curate. A massive silver cruet stand was presented to the much respected Curate, Rev. T. C. Grover, accompanied by a testimonial address from the parishioners, by Edward Wallman, Church Warden. The Rev. Grover had been Curate for six years, replied expressing his appreciation, and also for the two previous presentations made to him.

1852, 24 July. Fire. On Wednesday 14 July at eleven p.m., two small cottages were consumed by fire. The cause is not known but there is considerable anxiety and alarm about it. The property was insured with the London & Liverpool Insurance Co.

1853, 9 July. Horticultural Show. Satisfactory arrangements have been made for visitors to the Show to take place on Wed. 20th inst., in the grounds of the Manor House. The Eastern Counties Railway afford every facility to travellers, & there will be a brass band to increase the attractions.

1854, 15 July. Inquest. Held on John Savage, age sixteen, who had been suffering from the ague for two months. Mr. Daniels the parish doctor attended twice, and Mr. Ellis was called in for a second opinion, he diagnosed congestion of the brain. Leeches, blisters and proper medicines were tried without effect, and the lad died during Monday night. Verdict, death from natural causes.

1855, 2 June. Post. A correspondent complains that it took three days for a letter to reach Haverhill, a mere thirty miles from Swavesey.

1855, 28 July. Tea Meeting. On Thursday 19th, a public tea was held in the National School-rooms for the benefit of the school. Upwards of 200 people attended including the Curate and his lady. After tea the company were entertained by singing and dancing whilst the brass band played outside of the schoolrooms. The next day the children were entertained on the lawn in front of Mr. Long's Manor House. An ample tea was provided and the band was in attendance. After tea the children sang glees and were rewarded with prizes.

1862, 21 June. Inquest on James Edwards. The child aged 4½ years had never been well since birth, and the mother was in the habit of giving the child poppy tea to ease it. On this occasion she gave him some at 6 p.m. and he died at 7 a.m. next morning. The post mortem by Mr. Daniels reported that too much poppy tea had been given. Accidental death.

1863, 18 July, Bats. Whilst Mr. William Carter's house was being repaired a nest of almost four hundred bats was discovered. Most of them were destroyed.

1863, 18 July. Longevity. Five men sitting against the White Horse awaiting the Relieving Officer (Mr. Wright) for their weekly allowance, all in good health. Francis Benton 86, Laurence Mansfield 84, Samuel Thorpe 84, Jno. Covill 82, Jno. Chriswell 81.

1865, 3 June. Annual Feast. This began on Monday and was kept with great merriment for three days following. On Sunday great crowds arrived by train and the streets of the normally quiet village presented a very gay and animated appearance. There were caravans and swinging boats and fancy stalls in abundance. The most orderly conduct was maintained throughout all of the festivities.

1866, 28 July. Annual School Treat. Given by the Vicar to about 200 including the day, Sunday School and teachers. Tea and cakes were enjoyed on the lawn in front of Mr. Long's house. After tea there were games of cricket, football, swing boats, and scrambling for nuts and sweets. Emily Grenfell was given a prize for her knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and Emma Thorpe, a prize for her needlework.

1868, 18 July. Police Rewarded. Cheque for £58-17-0 subscribed by Lord Lieut., and the County Magistrates to Supt Stretten (£40) the rest to other police officers for apprehending J.L.

1872, July. General Advertisement. Great Eastern Railway, 1st class return to Bishopgate station, London 8/-, Covered Car 4/-. Depart Cambridge 8.45, arrive London 10.45.

1881, 4 June. The Feast. Commenced on Monday last. In Market St. there was only a small number of attractions, a falling off from former years.

1886, 11 June. Choral Festival. The religious and ecclesiastical origins of the ancient festivals in rural parishes were not always apparent by the manner of their observance. This was not so of Swavesey last Tuesday, where the merry go rounds and booths were so far abandoned for the grand old church, all seats were taken and many had to stand. The Diocesan Church Music Society had organized a choral festival with the choirs of Over, St. Ives, Girton, Boxworth and Oakington and Swavesey, conducted by Rev. E. D. Galloway of Papworth Everard. Prayers chanted by Rev. Lushington. The Rev. Canon Sharp who was Vicar of Swavesey for 22 years preached a thoughtful sermon.

1893, 14 July. Fatal Accident. Inquest at The Swan with Two Necks on Arthur Fletcher age 26. James Stoll, engine driver gave evidence that he was driving the 6.57 special on Tuesday, the line was signalled clear. He saw Fletcher run from the end of the platform (in Swavesey Station) along the down line, he had not time to whistle, but shut off the steam immediately. William Perry, the Station Master corroborated this. The train being a special was not down on the time table, and Fletcher would not have known that a train was coming through. Verdict, Accidental Death.

1897, 11 June. Jubilee Committee. Appointed to consider the opinions of the loyal inhabitants regarding 1. Public Hall to be built, 2. Feast for all, 3. Only children to be catered for.

1897, 18 June. Jubilee Decision. The committee decided to have a meat tea for the whole of the parish, and sports on the village green.

1897, 25 June. Celebrations. The Jubilee tea was held at 4 p.m. in Mr. T. Carter's barn, for the children, and tea for the adults in the National School and the barn. Sports were held on the Green and there was a good display of flags and bunting. The Rev. Vidler's wife distributed the prizes. On Wednesday Mr. Long had his celebrations for his workpeople in the grounds of his house, and in the evening the charming grounds were open to the public.

1897, 9 July. Jubilee Accounts. the committee met with Mr. Thomas Carter to approve the Financial A/C. Collected by Mr. Key £10-19-8, by Mr. Aldred £5-5-4, Mr. J. Garner £5-10-6. Total £21-2-9. Deficiency made up by Dr. Ellis. The invalids and the aged were not forgotten, food was sent to their homes. (The Jubilee was the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria whose reign extended from 1837 to 1901)

Chris Richardson

Daisy Loveland. A Swavesey Childhood, 1880 to 1896.
Part 3 of 5. From ice-skating to gleaning corn.

There are two photographs of what is now Costcutter Store on page 27 of "Swavesey a pictorial history" (2009). The shop was probably built by Mr Edward Maris in the 1860s and the door frame on the left in the 1909 picture is clearly the one still there today. Daisy was born there in 1880 when it was known as London House. In 1963 when she was 83 years old Daisy wrote about her early life in Swavesey because she remembered it so fondly. She had a lot to tell whoever might read her story one day and her topics change rapidly as she puts her memories to paper.

Life was never dull, being a family of five and Mother and Father and old Emma the servant, and also a young man living in to learn the grocery work from Father. Goods were not all packed as today. Fruit had to be cleaned and packed. Sugar came in large barrels. This all had to be weighed out. There were the two horses to rub down after the country rounds, stabling to be seen to and many other activities. We children had our pets, rabbits, cats a lovely collie dog and an owl. The many pets were looked after by us, and the owl was brought by a man on his country rounds as he found some boys tormenting it. A parrot cage was obtained from somewhere and we fed it on mice etc. but the poor thing did not live long in captivity (neither would I).

Winter times were full of thrills especially when sharp frost set in the Fens and fields were flooded. The land was all so very flat. Skating was soon in full progress and crowds came from Cambridge as the station was close to the Fens where important skating matches were held. We all learned early to skate. Many of the fields near our house were covered with ice and we could take a chair over and push it along and so had security while getting used to our skates. When the special markets were held, tents were erected and hot drinks and food were sold. I well remember Peak Frean's Fairy Cakes, 2 for 1d and Garibaldi biscuits full of currants. I believe the latter are still sold (1963). For winter evenings we had table games, plenty of books and toys, toffee making, chestnuts to boil or roast, never dull or "fed up" as they now say.

Sunday was a full day which we all enjoyed. School at 9.30 a.m. Service for all at 10.30 a.m. when old enough. Sunday school at 2.30 p.m. And evening service at 6.00 p.m. This we did not attend unless we wished to. Mother stayed at home and had several other children with us to enable their parents to go to service. We all had our choice of tunes on the piano while Mother played and had a good sing. The Minister and his wife often came in for Sunday supper. They were young and we always wanted to stay up later and have been known to put the hands of the clock back. I seem to remember that we had cold roast beef very often and we loved to get into the kitchen and wipe a piece of bread round the dish – lovely! We also had a puff of Father's pipe if we found one around.

Spring was lovely as it is now, with violets hiding themselves in the hedges – also primroses. But for these we had to walk miles to a wood, so we went for the day, taking bread and cheese with us and calling at a wayside public house (customers of ours) for some ginger beer. It was on the main road from Cambridge to Huntingdon. Cowslips too were plentiful and baskets were gathered and the petals removed to make cowslip wine by some of the neighbours. We also made lovely cowslip bells. I cannot remember how they were made but the smell was lovely.

Then came the harvest in the corn fields. Some farmers did not rake too cleanly and so left plenty of loose ears of corn for the gleaners (like Ruth in the Old Testament). A man used to walk through the village ringing a bell and the gleaners were led to the fields. Mother gave me permission one day to help a very fat old lady. I had my sewing apron on which I used at school. This when filled was emptied into a clean pillowcase brought by the gleaner and then carried home on the shoulders. They were well tired out with bending in the sun (I seem to think that summers were nicer those years ago). I found this out so did not go very often but I gained experience of a new profession. There was a mill not far away where gleanings were ground into flour- a lovely old windmill and we had many a happy picnic nearby. The smell of ground corn I well remember and the homemade bread made by some of the villagers who had gleaned their own corn.

Swavesey Schooldays in the 50s

In the 1950s, Swavesey Primary School was just two buildings, the first block had a large classroom which was divided in two by a huge folding wooden door. It also had toilets, wash hand basins and a cloakroom at each end where we hung our coats, also our PE bags containing our plimsoles and navy knickers for us girls, the boys had navy shorts. The infants (aged 5 and 6) were in the first part and the 7 to 9 year olds were the other side of the partition. Across the playground was an identical block which housed 10 to 12 year olds and 13 to 15 year olds respectively. This changed when Swavesey Village College was built in 1958; we sat our 11 plus exam and you either went off to SVC, Impington College or a Grammar school, depending on the grades you got. Each block had its own playground. There was also the assembly hall in another block where we went for our dinner. Some children were able to go home for lunch, they tended to be children of farmers as the farmers' wives always cooked the main meal at lunchtime for their husbands.

Aged 5, I found myself in Miss Pallash's class. I remember thinking that she looked very pretty, with lovely wavy hair. She was a very dedicated teacher too, however she was very strict and I soon found myself in trouble. We were having a 'Music and Movement' lesson when she called me out to the front of the class and told me to take a note over to the Headmaster, who had an office across the playground in another building. It was pouring with rain and all I had on my feet were second-hand plimsoles with a piece of cardboard inside to cover the hole in the sole. I knew my Mum would be cross if I went home with wet feet so I told her that I wouldn't go. She took me from the classroom and into the cloakroom and asked me to put my hand out. She smacked my outstretched hand with a slipper, which stung like mad and reduced me to tears. School was going to take a bit of getting used to.

Then there was annual visit of the school dentist. His mobile dental surgery was parked on the grassed area just outside our classroom. Older children delighted in telling us horror stories about his visit. Everyone had to have their teeth examined, there were no excuses, so it was with real terror that we stood in line waiting for our turn. I had to have three fillings in my milk teeth, all done without any pain relief. We didn't have fluoride toothpaste like nowadays, we had Gibbs solid tooth powder; it came in a round tin and you had to rub your toothbrush over the hard surface and then brush your teeth. It didn't taste very nice and probably wasn't very hygienic as the whole family used the same tin. We didn't have running water at home, all our water had to be pumped out of the well and had to be boiled to kill all the nasties. At school we had water from taps! The only time I can remember getting really ill was when I had scarlet fever.

I used to really enjoy school dinners. They were cooked on the premises and served in the hall where we had morning assembly. We had familiar meals like Mum used to cook at home; shepherd's pie, beef stew, mince and fish - always fish on Fridays. The puddings were great too, treacle tart, jam roly poly, apple crumble and chocolate sponge pudding, all served with delicious lumpy custard, yum! You had to clear your plate though as you would find yourself sitting alone at the table in the dinner hall, while all your friends were outside playing. There was nothing for it, you just had to hold your nose and eat. The school dinner ladies were generally very kind and when the teacher wasn't looking they would take your plate away so you could leave something you disliked. We didn't have snacks in between meals at all. Breakfast was always porridge in the winter; Mum used to make it so thick your spoon would stand upright; proper stick to your ribs stuff it was. Then she used to pour the cream off the top of the milk and finally a sprinkle of brown sugar, delicious. I do miss having a creamy top on the milk.
Swavesey Girl

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Dear All

I am sure you all thought political life was going to calm down after the Mayor and County Council elections - well we learnt last week that we were under an illusion! The general election looms ahead - this means more leaflets, television election broadcasts and news which is dominated by what somebody political, said or did. I am sure you are as fed up as I am but the sad fact is that it is really important. This election will determine key issues and government direction - please vote, use your democratic right - it is a privilege which is not shared by everybody in the world.

Anyway - to get to local issues. The bin day change went very well and when you think of the crew changes, round changes and days collected - it is a minor miracle that SCDC had relatively few complaints. I do know, however, that some residents feel that the crews could look after their paper caddy better, trespass less on plants and return the wheelie bin to a more convenient place. These issues are being addressed. All lorries have cameras on the back so complaints can be verified and pointed out to the crews. If you have a problem please let me know.

The planning applications continue to come before the committee. Will (Chairman of the Parish Council) and myself, as well as residents, have managed to prevent approval so far, but I have concerns for the future.

In my role as Health representative for SCDC, I am attending many meetings about the Sustainability and Transformation Programme for Health. This is supposed to significantly reduce the £500million that they will be short in 2020. This programme is talking about providing more services in the community and reducing reliance on Hospital appointments and stays. A good idea in principle but it involves changing the way services are delivered and by definition employing, or upskilling, more staff in the community. A big task!! One of the first moves is to move the Out of Hours Service (telephone 111) to Addenbrookes from Chesterton. This will happen next month and will enable those people who arrive at Addenbrookes A&E, who do not need emergency care, to see a GP instead. I am on the implementation committee, so keep me informed of how it works for you.

Have a good summer

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SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News March April 2017

COUNTY COUNCIL
THE County Highways Department is expected to start work on the marking of parking bays in Market Street during the week commencing May 29. The pot holes will be repaired and the parking bays and lining carried out in two halves over two days leaving half of Market Street available for parking each day. It is important that cars are moved to facilitate the work and that cars are not left while owners are away from home.

The PC has submitted a bid for further traffic calming to restrict speeding in Ramper Road. The bid was successful and a new 40 MPH limit will set up to slow traffic as it approaches the existing 30 MPH limit in Ramper Road.

The PC continues to take up concerns about traffic and parking problems in the village, in particular concerning the safety of parking around the primary school at the start and end of the school day. Speeding and the care exercised by drivers through the village at Boxworth End and in Over Road have been concerns raised with the PC. The PC would like to see an active group of villagers willing to set up and operate a Speedwatch system in the village.

The work to the A14 is likely to increase the traffic through the village and funding may be available to have a dedicated set of equipment for a Speedwatch team. Parish Councillors are fully committed volunteers on a number of groups supported by the PC Speedwatch requires village volunteers to make it work, Contact Linda Miller, the Parish Council Clerk if you can help.

DISTRICT COUNCIL
A number of village organisations were recognised by SCDC at their Community Awards Evening and the successful groups received their certificates from Cllr Mrs. Ellington, our District Councillor in her role as Chair of the Council.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AND POLICE BUSINESS
The village is seeking a new neighbourhood watch coordinator.
The Police and Crime Commissioner will be hosting a South Cambs Parish & Town Conference in Huntingdon on Friday 11th August for Parish Councillors.

The PC noted that the Village Life Facebook is working well and helping with crime awareness.

COUNCIL NEWS

VILLAGE MATTERS
A project to improve the public open area between Priory Avenue and Carters Way with planting, new ground surfaces seating and play features has been agreed. The PC are to progress the project for completion in the new year, however repairing the drainage system under the area is proving difficult.

The PC agreed to install a triangular play wall for ball sports together with a table tennis table near to the Pavilion on the recreation green.

The PC agreed to purchase two additional community gazebos and to review and repair the four existing Gazebos.

A new person has been recruited to man the Primary School crossing.

The School Pond will be cleared by machinery during the October half term.

DRAINAGE
The PC is pressing the Environment Agency and others to progress the outstanding drainage projects in and around the village.

PLANNING
A separate report about the Annual Parish Meeting in this issue of the Meridian has all the latest news concerning the major housing developments in the village

The PC has commented on a number of applications for extensions and developments of one or more houses. These can be viewed on the SCDC planning portal on their website, and the comments of the PC in minutes on the village website.

QUALITY AWARD – Local Council Award Scheme
The PC is progressing towards updating our Quality Council status to meet more demanding standards and enable us to continue to access the benefits it brings to us.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING
The Neighbourhood Planning Group is now at work in developing our plan in particular investigating all the groups, businesses and organisations in the village, and planning a questionnaire to seek the views of villagers.

QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL

Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

Swavesey Parish Council – Annual Report Summary 2016-17

This year has been yet another very busy year, every year seems to bring more and more projects and issues for our Parish to have to discuss. This past year being very heavily involved in planning matters!

Below is a summary Annual Report. Copies of the full Report will be available from June at various locations around the village as well as on the Parish Council's website www.swavesey.org.uk

We hope that the new website **www.swavesey.org.uk** has helped to keep you informed on Parish issues and projects. We have also set up a Parish Council Facebook page and posts are regularly added to the Swavesey Village Life and Swavesey Village Planning Facebook pages as well, which we hope are helping to make information more widely available.

Finance

The Parish Council's income is received from the Parish Precept, which is collected through the Council Tax. For 2016/17 the Precept was £55,600.

The main areas of expenditure during 2016/17 were:

- Grounds maintenance (grasscutting, football pitch improvement work, etc)
- Landscaping around Moat Way Play Area
- Administration costs
- Grants to village organisations
- Grant towards the Community Warden Scheme
- Loan repayments for the 2011 grant to the Community Sports Pavilion

Expenditure (subject to audit) for 2016/17 has included:

Admin/Office costs, Insurances, Staff, Subscriptions	£38,679
Grants: To village organisations, projects, Community Warden Scheme	£10,171
Agency Services reimbursed (grass cutting for CCC and SCDC)	£2,043
Grounds Maintenance	£10,723
Loan Repayments - Sports Pavilion	£4,885
Recreation/Play Area/Village Maintenance	£2,437

At the end of 2016/17 reserves are:

Funding set aside for specific projects	£1,717
S106 Funds (Indoor and Outside Community Facilities)	£81,300
Admin/insurance/contingency (Legal, Election costs)	£2,253
Village Maintenance/improvements	£8,388
General Fund	£24,571

2017/18 Budget

In finalising the budget for 2017/18, the Precept has been set at £60,750, meaning a band D property will pay £63.61 per year towards the budget for the Parish. This is a small increase over last year's precept and is due to funding being provided for the Neighbourhood Plan project and increased administration costs due to the additional work the Parish Council is taking on across all aspects of its remit.

Parish Council work during 2016/17:

- §Community Grants: Cemetery and Churchyard maintenance, Memorial Hall Charity, Community Warden Scheme and sponsorship of the Festival's Village Show.
- §Consulted on many local planning applications, with a lot of work involved in commenting on the five major housing development proposals which are still going through the planning system.
- §Continued discussions with SCDC and the EA regarding flood risk concerns, riverbank and drain maintenance. These are extremely protracted discussions and another year has now passed with neither of the two major schemes having started.
- §Following on from the drainage to the recreation green, increased maintenance work to the football pitches.
- §Ongoing discussions with the County Council, Police and both schools with regard to parking issues around School Lane, Middlewatch and Gibraltar Lane.
- §Swan Pond – removal of overgrown reeds.
- §The setting up of the Neighbourhood Plan Project. This will be a 2-3 year project to produce a development plan for the parish which will become a legal part of the District's Local Plan and help to control the future development of the village, in accordance with local residents' wishes.

For the forthcoming year 2017/18:

- §A major project will be consulting you on the Neighbourhood Plan. A questionnaire will be delivered to every household and there will be lots of consultation opportunities.
- §Continued support and provision of grants to village projects and community groups.
- §Implementation of the parking improvements to Market Street.
- §Provision of additional sports/play equipment on the recreation green and further improvements to other open space areas.
- §In association with Age UK Cambridgeshire, continued support of our Community Warden Scheme, enabling residents aged 60 and over to live independently within their own homes.
- §Respond to consultations from County, District and other organisations and work closely with our District and County Councillors.
- §Support of the Neighbourhood Policing Team & village NHW scheme and continue to promote the Speedwatch initiative.

Our thanks to the volunteers who continue to help manage and maintain our village ponds, Constable's Rood and other public areas. Also our thanks to all of the volunteer litter clearers in the village who continue to help keep our village tidy.

In July 2016 students from Swavesey Village College took part in community work around the village, on four projects, helping to maintain and improve community areas. This was extremely successful and enjoyable and we thank them all for their hard work.

I would also like to thank those residents who attend our Parish Council meetings and everyone who responds to and supports the work of the Council. I hope that you have found this summary report of interest and that you will read through the full report, which will be available during June.

Will Wright, Chairman – Swavesey Parish Council

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New Parish Council Website
www.swavesey.org.uk

Same website address but now with an improved and updated look

Take a look to find out….

- the latest news and information about the village
- agendas, minutes and Parish Council news
- links to village clubs and organisations
- links to District and County Council consultations

Compass Café
"Encompasses the community"

Every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church.

Run each week (inc. school holidays) by one of four groups in the village. Very reasonably priced home made cakes and fair trade tea and coffee. Toys for children each week and baby clinic on 4th Thursdays. All ages very welcome.

Would your group like to earn some extra money?

When there is a 5th Thursday in a month we are looking for other groups to run Compass Café. It is quite easy and instructions will be given. You will need 5/6 people, 6 homemade cakes, 4 pints of milk and some tea towels! Everything else is supplied.

Please contact Sue Ellington for more information: sue.ellington@virgin.net or 01954 202923

5th Thursdays in 2017: 30th March, 29th June, 31st August & 30th November

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Mass Times:
Saturday 17.00 (Anticipatory)
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services and events of your parish church.

Service Pattern

1st Sunday of the month	11:00AM	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday of the month	8:00 AM 11:00 AM	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) Holy Communion
3rd Sunday of the month	11:00 AM 7:00 PM	Holy Communion Sunday Sanctuary – Bethel Baptist Church
4th Sunday of the month	11:00 AM	All Age Service
5th Sunday of the month	11:00 AM	Holy Communion at one of the 5 Folds Churches

To arrange weddings, baptisms, funerals, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child please contact the Priest in Charge, Team Vicar or the Team Administrator:

Team Administrator:
Gillian Beal — Telephone: 01954 230459 (Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 12:00

Priest In Charge:
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Team Vicar:
Revd Lynda Davies — Telephone: 01954 202912 or Email: revlyndadavies559@gmail.com

To arrange use of the church for concerts or other events please contact either of the churchwardens:

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St Andrew's Church Swavesey

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

Children and young people are very welcome at St Andrew's.

Sunday School

Children from the age of five are welcome to join our Sunday school each week during the 11am service except, the 4th Sunday of the month when it is a Family Service and the children are in church.

For younger children, or those who prefer to stay with their parents we have "fidget bags" (bags of books and toys) for use during the services.

Church Choir

Our Church choir welcomes new members. We're a friendly group that performs items for special services, accompanies the main church services and leads congregational singing. We cover a mix of traditional choral work and more modern styles. Pieces range from four-part to unison. We're particularly keen to recruit tenors and basses but all voices are welcome.

Contact John Mullett: Telephone: 077026 79191 or Email: johnajmullett@gmail.com

Entertainments

We host a variety of events and entertainment throughout the year for both young and old. Some events are for outreach and some to raise funds for the work of the church. If you would like to know what we are doing please see the notice boards in the church or contact our entertainments leader.

Contact Jacqui Fuller: Telephone: 01954 230774 Email: Jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com

Compass Café

We host Compass Café on the third Thursday of each month at Bethel Baptist Church, 10.30 until 12 noon. Come along for a drink and a chat

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For more information on all of our events and activities:
Please feel free to contact David Mann, our minister at:
minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk or 01954230458

St Andrews News

Since the last edition of the Meridian it has been another busy few months which culminated in our Easter Festival. On a busy Easter Saturday the church was transformed with flower displays, flying birds and exhibits from the village organisations and businesses. Very many thanks to all those that contributed to a very successful event.

The Lady Chapel was transformed into a place of memorial full of lilies dedicated to loved ones who have died. This display proved very popular and is something that will be replicated next Easter.

Earlier in the month, on Mothering Sunday, we held a "Tea á la Ritz" in the Memorial Hall with sandwiches, cakes, scones parlour music and ballroom dancing. This was a very well supported and successful event. We also hosted the Swavesey Community Choir who sang a choral music by Mozart and songs from the Sound of Music and Jesus Christ Superstar.

During Lent the sermons looked at St Paul's letters to the Philippians. St Paul develops several themes in his letter to the Philippians from his prison cell including joy, fellowship, unity and selflessness all things still relevant to living in today's society.

Sadly, Keith Lofts died on 25 Feb. Keith was a very longstanding member of the St Andrew's congregation who gave an enormous amount to the church, in particular as a churchwarden, treasurer and PCC member. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with the family.

We have also had to say farewell to Sam Frampton. Sam was an ordinand studying at Westcott House in Cambridge and provided support to both Julie and Lynda in their ministry. We wish Sam all the best in his continued training to be an ordained member of the clergy.

If you have any questions about the church or need a visit from one of the clergy please contact Gillian in the office in the first instance or speak to one of the churchwardens.

Community Groups & Charities

Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:-www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk or check the website cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919).
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fund raise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is a national charity and centre of excellence in training dogs to alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals in the home, work place and public buildings. Contact:- Jenny Parker (Branch Organiser and Speaker) 01223 833562 (evenings only), jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
Help the Heroes	We support those wounded in the service of our country. Contact:- 01480 478526
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver
Swavesey Village College Community Education	Evening courses in a variety of subjects and day workshops. Contact:- Adult Education, Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambs, CB24 4RS. Telephone: 01954 230373 E-mail: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk Website: www.swaveseyvc.co.uk

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Alan Stagg on 01480 830708
Over District Girlguiding Swavesey and Over	**Unit** / **Evening** / **Contact** Swavesey Rainbows / Thurs / caroline@overroad.co.uk Swavesey Brownies / Mon / brownowl1@virginmedia.com Swavesey Guides / Thurs / swaveseyguides@gmail.com Over Rainbows / Mon & Tue Over Brownies / Wed & Thurs Over Guides / Tue * For information about the Over units or to volunteer in girlguidng, please email:- overdistrictcomm@gmail.com
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans are a Chartered Standard Youth Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club runs boys and girls teams from under 6 through to under 17. For information and enquiries please contact:- Chairman - Simon Dawson on 01954 202233 Secretary - Dave Rudderham on 01954 203258 Club Welfare Officer - Carolyn Merricks on 01954 204972
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on 07803050234 s2art53@yahoo.co.uk
1st Swavesey Cub Pack	The Cubs meet at the Scout Hut every Tuesday - 6:15pm – 7:30pm & Friday 5:30pm – 6:45pm. Leader Lynda Mayer 01954 204768 Email:- s.mayer@ntlworld.com
1st Swavesey Sea Scouts	The Scout Group meets every Friday during term time at the Scout Hut on the SVC site (between the youth centre and the squash courts) from 7.30pm. Scout Leader is Andrew Batey; contact: scouts@onthemeridian.org.uk
Swavesey Kids Club	Swavesey Kids Club provides craft/play activities and care for children before and after school, in a friendly and secure environment. Breakfast Club – meets from 7.30am in the Primary School Hall, with breakfast available until 8.15am. After School Club meets 3.15pm-6.00pm weekdays in term time at Swavesey Primary School. For information about either club please contact Carol Panther (manager) 07803812221
Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details contact: Audrey Caldwell: acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk
Health and Wellbeing Club	A club for older adults which runs on the last Tuesday of the month with the exception of December. The group meets at the Community Centre, Thistle Green, Swavesey from 10.00 to 11.30am. Refreshments, chair-based exercises, speakers and time for conversation. No booking is required and the group is Free.

British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk or see our website: www.btsdi.com
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974.
Bell Ringers	Practice night Tuesdays, 7.30-9.00pm at St Andrew's Church. New ringers of all ages welcome. Contact Tower Captain Andrew Stevens on (01954 231433) for details. Email: andrew@overroad.co.uk Website: www.honeyhill.org/bells.htm
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert W Bond (01954) 203645 or Secretary Angela Dye (01954) 230484
Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113)
Swavesey Camera Club	At Swavesey Camera Club we are proud to cater for photographers of all standards. For more information visit our website at www.swaveseycameraclub.co.uk. We meet every Thursday, 7.30 - 9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome - £4 charge (first visit free). For further details please ring John Turner (01954) 202076.
Fenland Squash Club	If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000) Website: www.fenlandsquash.org.uk

Over Netball Club	We train on a Tuesday night 7pm till 8.30pm on the outdoor courts at Swavesey Village College. Small friendly club, play in CDNL local league, beginners/ everyone welcome. Cost £3 per session. Contact is Lindsay Foster - lindsayfoster001@gmail.com 01954 202070 or 07543 460725
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Carol Shaw Room, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Chapel 9-30 to 11-30am and Fridays at the Memorial Hall 7-15 to 9-15pm. All levels welcome, from absolute beginners to intermediates. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at Over Town Hall starting in September at 7.30pm Contacts: Frances Parish: 01480 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Chris Avery (01954) 781233. Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

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Event _____

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Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

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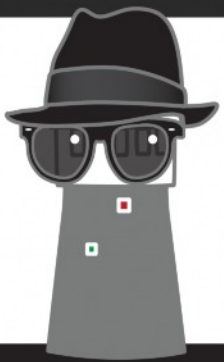

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